

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (WALKER, JOSEPH D)

SUBJECT: W/W REPATRIATION CASE

REF: A. DAMASCUS 5188; B. DAMASCUS 5250; C. STATE 194255

1. REF C SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SENT PRIOR RECEIPT REF B.  
WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S APPROACH TO PARENTS FOR PRIVATE ASSISTANCE AND HAVE APPRAISED WALKER OF SAME. HOWEVER, SINCE HE ALREADY OWES FINANCIALLY STRAPPED PARENTS 2,000 DOLLARS, HE HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT MAKE NO FURTHER APPROACH TO PARENTS UNDER TERMS OF PRIVACY ACT FOR PRIVATE ASSISTANCE. HE KNOWS OF NO OTHER PARTY ABLE OR WILLING TO ASSIST.

2. IN BEST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS, WALKER WOULD PREFER TO MAKE OWN WAY TO PAKISTAN WHERE HE HOPES HE MIGHT LIVE CHEAPLY ENOUGH ON MONTHLY SSA DISABILITY TO PAY BACK PARENTS MONEY HE OWES THEM. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT TIME, HE OWES LOCAL HOTEL TWO MONTHS RENT IN ARREARS. THIS IS DEBT WHICH HE CAN JUST BARELY SETTLE WITH JULY BENEFIT CHECK JUST RECEIVED. WE HAVE NO RECORD JUNE BENEFIT CHECK RECEIVED. WE HAVE CASHED ALL HIS CHECKS HERE AT EMBASSY ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE AND FIND NO RECORD OF THAT CHECK BEING CASHED AND BELIEVE PARENTS MISTAKEN THAT JUNE CHECK RECEIVED WITH MARCH CHECK WHICH HAS BEEN CASHED.

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3. WALKER, THUS RELUCTENTLY AGREES TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT FOR REPATRIATION AND SUBSISTENCE LOAN. IN ADDITION TO AMOUNTS REQUESTED REF B, WE WOULD NEED AUTHORIZATION FOR UP TO 100 DOLLARS TO PAY FINE FOR OVERSTAY WHICH MUST BE PAID AS PART OF DEPARTURE/EXIT FORMALITIES. NEXT PAN AM FLIGHT, ONLY US CARRIER SERVING DAMASCUS, IS WEEKLY FLIGHT ON AUTUST 23. SYRIAN AUTHORITIES SO FAR HAVE BEEN VERY ACCOMMODATING WITH WALKER

AND WOULD PREFER HE DEPART SOONEST. SINCE US CARRIER ONLY  
DEPARTS WEEKLY, WE REQUEST STAND-BY AUTHORITY FOR USE OF  
FOREIGN FLAG CARRIER TO AVOID FURTHER COMPLICATIONS WITH SYRIAN.  
USE OF FOREIGN FLAG IS CHEAPER. ALSO, IN VIEW OF SMALL DOLLAR  
DIFFERENCE, WE REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR REPATRIATION TO MIAMI VICE  
NYC.

4. PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

5. SENATOR LAWTON CHILES, INTERESTED.  
MURPHY

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